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To: Baca, Andrew [Baca.Andrew@epa.gov]; Wilson, Wenona [Wilson.Wenona@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Quick Question - Pebble Session at TELS

Thanks, Andrew. The idea of adding a person from the state is intriguing. It is not clear to me who might be identified by the state as a rep. I also think that if we think the content being split (potentially) between 1) how did we arrive at where we are, and 2) what's next, the state rep likely would end up being more prominent on the latter, as ideas for compensatory mitigation likely hinge on what they state can/cannot pull together in support. Also, in addition to its 401 certification of a Corps permit and questions around that (e.g. is that 401 process officially in abeyance), the state would still have multiple permits/approvals to process, which may be worth laying out even if the timing for whether/when those processes would kick in feels speculative at this point.

From: Baca, Andrew <Baca.Andrew@epa.gov>
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Great feedback. I agree with you all on key next steps and would like to broaden the panel so the TELS hears from all key players in the process.

No, we don't have it currently blocked on CH's calendar. (we don't have a specific confirmed time yet but I will ask Michael to request a daily block while the schedule is being finalized)

Because this was proposed by Gayla I think we should discuss with her:

- Inviting the USACE (Chris is supportive of having them involved, he also asked whether or not the state would/should participate)
- Answering questions about moderators, Q&As advance and from the audience

I can ask Michael to set up a call with Gayla if you guys are comfortable with the topics list above.

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Agree that including a Corps rep would be beneficial.

Other questions – who will moderate? Will there be prepared questions and can we have those in advance? Will questions from the audience be allowed?

Also – do we have this blocked on Chris' calendar?

Thanks
Wenona

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Maybe a little provocative, but we might consider if someone from the Corps Alaska District would be helpful in speaking for their own work and evaluations. They may not be given the green light to do so, but it would keep us (Chris) from potentially being pressed to provide interpretations or explanations on their behalf.

From: Baca, Andrew <Baca.Andrew@epa.gov>

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Dan/Wenona,

I talked with Chris this morning and he confirmed he's available for the Pebble panel at the TELS conference next month. I wanted to get your input on any other parties who might make help fill out the panel. Gayla has proposed the following setup so I think any thoughts we have would be recommendations to her from EPA. Ms Hurley is the Exec Dir of UTBB.

60	Panel "Pebble":	Pebble Mine	Gayla Hoseth, RTOC Region 10 Alt.	Alannah Hurley	Chris Hladick
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